

**Town of Foxborough
Conservation Commission Minutes
December 16, 2013**

Members Present: Robert Boette (Chair), Allan Curtis (Vice Chair), Eric Nelson (Clerk), Judith Johnson and James Marsh
Members Absent: Douglas Davis, Valerie Marshall
Staff Present: Jane Sears Pierce, Conservation Manager, and Lee Ann Tavares, Secretary
Others Present: See attached sign-in sheet

Meeting Opened

Bob Boette opened the meeting, held at the Boyden Library, at 7:00 p.m.

50 Granite Street, DEP #157-514, Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation

Information Reviewed: ANRAD received 12/2/13; Plan dated 9/3/13

Bob opened the hearing by reading the legal notice, as posted in the Sun Chronicle and the Foxboro Reporter. The applicant, Ellen Greiner, and her representative, Eric Avizinis of Natural Resource Services, were present. Mr. Avizinis described the delineation, including an area of Isolated Land Subject to Flooding located just off the property that he believed was only jurisdictional under Article IX. Mrs. Greiner noted her concern about the driveway, indicating that she wanted to widen it and stabilize the steep embankment next to it, indicating that a retaining wall might be required. Judi suggested using concrete blocks that fit together with soil in the middle (geocell), which can be used for the protection of steep slope surfaces from surface water runoff. The geocell can be planted with native herbaceous vegetation (e.g. grasses).

Mr. Avizinis stated that the property's stream had been dry when he had visited the site in August, but USGS had indicated that it was perennial. Mr. Avizinis indicated that the BVW and the bank of Cocasset Pond had been flagged. Jane, who visited the site agreed with the flagging, noting that one of the flags had been missing during her site visit. Mr. Avizinis informed the Commission that he had learned earlier in the day that the DEP number had been issued.

Motion was made by Judi Johnson to close the hearing for 50 Granite Street, DEP #157-514; seconded by Jim Marsh. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Motion was made by Jim Marsh to issue the Order of Resource Area Delineation as drafted, adding under other resources: "intermittent stream - the Commission accepts the applicant's determination that the site's stream functions as an intermittent stream for the purposes of this ORAD;" seconded by Eric Nelson. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Conservation Rental Properties

120 Spring Street - Jane was pleased to report that with the help of Bill Yukna and the DPW crew, the garage has been taken down and removed from the property. An additional dumpster had been required. Jane thanked Al for his donation for the purchase of a new stove and microwave for the property. She informed the Commission that her sister had donated her old refrigerator, which still worked fine, for the property. Jane informed the Commission that an 8' x 8' deck had been added to the house, as well as an attic hatch door. She said that at least two windows need to be replaced, but this should probably wait until the spring. The RFP and legal ad for renting the house had been posted and Realtor Chris Kearney had indicated a lot of people had shown interest in the house. Carpet will be installed if there is enough money left after all of the required repairs were finished.

87 North Street - The Oil Man had told Lee Ann that they would donate their services to remove the oil and tank at 87 North Street (in preparation for Junior Firefighter training). A member of the

Historical Commission had expressed interested in salvaging some articles (doors, knobs) from the property for her son's home, which he was preparing to sell. The Commission questioned whether articles could be removed for personal use. Jane was asked to speak to Bob Cutler about this.

Regulations for Foxborough's Wetland Bylaw (Article IX), Continued Hearing

Performance Standards will be discussed during the next continued hearing.

Motion was made by Eric Nelson to continue the hearing for the Regulations for Foxborough's Wetland Bylaw (Article IX) to the next meeting; seconded by Jim Marsh. **Vote: 5-0-0**

34 Pleasant Street, DEP #157-436, Certificate of Compliance

Motion was made by Eric Nelson to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP #157- 436, 34 Pleasant Street; seconded by Jim Marsh. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Willow Street Conservation Areas – ATV Issues

Jane told the Commission that Ed Lawton, who maintains the fields on Willow Street, had offered to cut down the hedgerow along the stone wall under the power lines to help visibility and deter illegal ATV use. Judi did not think this would be a good idea, since the area provides habitat for several species of birds. Jane also informed the Commission that she had been told that a portion of the rock wall had been taken out and some of the signs that had recently been posted had been removed, some were even burned. She stated that the area that had been illegally cleared for the installation of a half-pipe and trampoline is most likely on Conservation land. She planned to visit the site with the Commission's GPS to determine the actual location of the illegally disturbed area.

Robinson Brook Headwaters/Invensys

Jane received a voice message from David Pinkham, EPA, asking about the Robinson Brook headwaters (where Invensys discharges into it) and referencing the Commission's comment letter to the EPA dated 10/18/11 about their draft permit for Invensys. Judi thought he might be confused, since there had been no reference to Robinson Brook on the permit, just Gudgeon Brook. Jane will contact Mr. Pinkham to find out which brook they are interested in.

Other

Judi indicated that she would not be able to attend the meetings scheduled for 1/6 or 1/14.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made by Jim Marsh to adjourn; seconded by Eric Nelson. **Vote: 5-0-0**

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Nelson, Clerk

Draft minutes submitted by Lee Ann Tavares: 12/31/13

Reviewed by Jane Sears Pierce: 1/15/14

Approved by Commission: 1/27/14

Documents, Not Referenced Above

Attached Documents:

1. Agenda, December 16, 2013
2. Meeting Sign In Sheet

Location of Other Documents:

3. Manager's Report, filed in Manager's Report binder in Conservation Commission's office.
4. Referenced projects' documents: please see Conservation Commission's project file